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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2156

Introduced by Assembly Member Achadjian

February 20, 2014

An act to amend Section 56378 of, and to add Section 56047.7 to, the Government Code, relating to local government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2156, as amended, Achadjian. Local agency formation commissions: studies.

Existing law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, sets forth the powers and duties of a local agency formation commission, including, among others, the requirement to conduct studies of existing governmental agencies that include, but are not limited to, inventorying those agencies and determining their maximum service area and service capacities. The commission is authorized to request land use information, studies, and plans of cities, counties, districts, including school districts, community college districts, and regional agencies and state agencies and departments, in connection with conducting the required studies, and the governmental agencies are required to comply with the commission's request.

This bill would include joint powers agencies and joint powers authorities among the entities from which the commission is authorized to request land use information, studies, and plans, for purposes of conducting the studies described above, *and also would include joint powers agreements in the list of items the commission may request in conducting those studies*. The bill would specifically define "joint powers agency" and "joint powers authority" for purposes of the

Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 56047.7 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:

3 56047.7. “Joint powers agency” or “joint powers authority”
4 means an agency or entity formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise
5 of Powers Act (Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of
6 Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1) that is formed for the local
7 performance of governmental functions that includes the provision
8 of municipal services.

9 SEC. 2. Section 56378 of the Government Code is amended
10 to read:

11 56378. (a) In addition to its other powers, the commission
12 shall initiate and make studies of existing governmental agencies.
13 Those studies shall include, but shall not be limited to, inventorying
14 those agencies and determining their maximum service area and
15 service capacities. In conducting those studies, the commission
16 may request land use information, studies, *joint powers agreements*,
17 and plans of cities, counties, districts, including school districts,
18 community college districts, joint powers agencies and joint powers
19 authorities, regional agencies and state agencies and departments.
20 Cities, counties, districts, including school districts, community
21 college districts, joint powers agencies and joint powers authorities,
22 regional agencies, and state agencies and departments, shall comply
23 with the request of the commission for that information and the
24 commission shall make its studies available to public agencies and
25 any interested person. In making these studies, the commission
26 may cooperate with the county planning commissions.

27 (b) The commission, or the board of supervisors on behalf of
28 the commission, may apply for or accept, or both, any financial
29 assistance and grants-in-aid from public or private agencies or
30 from the state or federal government or from a local government.

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